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Identical letters dated 16 January 2012 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government and following my letter dated 3 January 2012 regarding the measures which have been taken by Syrian authorities to release people who were involved in recent events in Syria and didn't get involved in the shedding of Syrian blood (S/2012/1), I have the honour to bring to your kind attention that H.E. President Bashar Al-Assad, President of the Syrian Arab Republic, has issued Legislative Decree No. 10 for the year 2012, whereby a general amnesty is granted for crimes committed in the context of the events taking place in Syria since 15 March 2011 until the date of issuing the decree.

The decree aims at granting an opportunity for those who committed crimes related to the events which took place in Syria since 15 March 2011. The attorney generals and the Public Prosecution were asked to implement the decree immediately.

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council on an urgent basis.

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